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may not be taken unawares. The value of the work is increased by the particular discussion which the author gives to the statutory regulations of the several States. And where there is essential difference in the common law of the various sovereignties, a separate treatment is given to each of the several doctrines, and the vain attempt to reconcile irreconcilable conflicts is not attempted. One feature of this edition which deserves special mention is that in citing cases the author refers not only to the regular State and national reports, but also as far as possible, to the Reporters in the National Reporter System, to the American Decisions, to the American Reports, and to the American State Reports; thus in many instances giving references to two or three reports for the same case. This will greatly facilitate the use of the text. The mechanical work of the publishers is of a high degree of excellence, and quite in keeping with the subject matter — very substantial.

A Treatise on the Law of Liens, Common Law, Statutory, Equitable and Maritime. Second edition, revised and enlarged. By Leonard A. Jones. 2 vols., 8vo. Price, \$12.00 net. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

An eminent jurist in a recent work attributes the rapid and constant growth in the number and scope of liens to the extension of commerce and a higher sense of justice in legislative bodies and in the courts. But, whatever the reason, the increase of liens in number and importance is an undoubted fact. Therefore, this new edition of Jones on Liens, bringing down to date the decided cases and legislative enactments, is especially opportune. The work is characterized throughout by the author's well known learning and exhaustive research. The arrangement of the work is most admirable, volume I. being devoted to liens on personal property, and volume II. to liens on real property and maritime liens, the fundamental or natural distinctions between the several classes of liens being carefully preserved under each heading. In these two volumes is to be found in concise and convenient form practically all of the law on the subject, both common and statutory. The particular excellencies which we have found to belong to the same author's treatise on chattel mortgages also pertain to the work now under review. It is in all respects a standard work. The system of referencing is the same as that employed in Jones on Chattel Mortgages. The typography, paper and binding are of the high order which we always expect of the publishers.